

Connections Newsletter

January 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT:

Happy New Year to all of our members. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and for some a much needed break. Thank you first and foremost to our staff in the office, in the maintenance shop and our contractors. You are the people that keep Sarcee Meadows a strong and safe place to call home. To all of our volunteers, thank you for all that you do. A lot of you work tirelessly to ensure that new policies are put in place where needed and existing policies are reviewed and upheld. Thank you to the Snow Angels in our community. I saw many people out shoveling their neighbors' walks, dusting snow off of vehicles and lending a helping hand to some members that got stuck in the parking lots amongst all of that snow during the holidays. We are fortunate to have Green Dream and thank them for putting in long hours doing the best they could to clear the sidewalks and parking lots as quickly as possible. We have a vast property to take care of and many hands make lighter work for all.

WHAT!!!! Sarcee Meadows will be celebrating 50 Years of Incorporation in August 2018!

What an amazing accomplishment this is and one that we can all be proud of. From our founding fathers to our newest members, we are all responsible for making and keeping Sarcee Meadows one of the biggest and best Housing Co-ops in Canada. There is a reason our waiting list for new members is so long. Sarcee Meadows has a legacy of being a great place to call home and any time the waiting list opens we have people literally running to the office in search of an application.

AGM – Annual General Meeting – Wednesday January 31st, 2018

Our SMHC Annual General Meeting is coming up on Wednesday January 31st, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 6:30. It is a requirement to attend at least one Members meeting per year, however we really hope that you will find your way to attend all four.

This is your chance to vote in the new members of the Board of Directors, the people you want to represent SMHC on your behalf. You will also hear from our auditor about SMHC's financial outlook. Please remember that your presence, your opinion and your vote are all privileges of co-operative living and the health of our community depends on your participation.

Snow Angels are still needed as are neighbor visits!!!

Please remember that although we are lucky to have Green Dream Landscapes helping us with snow removal and slippery sidewalks, snow-covered cars and cold temperatures can still be a challenge for many of our members. We encourage you to be a good neighbour and help shovel your neighbors' sidewalks if and when you are able – be cheerful and helpful whenever you can be! Check in on your senior neighbors and folks with disabilities to be sure they are safe. Some members may be feeling isolated as it's too cold to go outside. Knock on their door, pick up the phone, even sending an email to let them know you are thinking about them and ask if they need assistance with anything.

*****Random Acts of Kindness*****

We know that there have been many Random Acts of Kindness done, especially the last few weeks when the weather has been so cold and snowy. Won't you please take the time to jot down a few words about your experience? It only takes a minute of your time to recognize a kindness. We have so many neighbours helping each other out and we would like to acknowledge them. We can only do that with your input, so please send a note to janine@sarceemeadows.coop or fill out the form in this newsletter and drop it off to the office.

Finance, Grievance and Resolution, Membership, Personnel, and Property Maintenance Committees:

If you are interested in joining any of these five committees please stop by the office and pick up an application form which consists of only two short questions.

Your choice to apply for any of these five committees may be a reflection of your professional or volunteer experience, but it may also just be about your passion for the work of that particular committee. No experience is needed for these committees. Just your desire to learn and to help make SMHC a great place to call home.

Your SMHC Board of Directors

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

(It's Miller Time!)

B50

During December we still had numerous committee meetings, completed a number of work orders, held a Board meeting and celebrated some birthday's as well as anniversaries. January sees B50 back in the regular day to day schedule after a hectic and time restricted December. The year-end audit is now complete and will be presented to the Membership at the January 31, 2018 Member's Meeting. Despite the time restrictions there were still a number of cupboards installed, floors done, a few bathrooms repaired/replaced, and locks replaced/repairs.

The building condition assessment planning meeting was postponed again due to key people not being able to attend the previously scheduled meeting. When this planning meeting is completed information will be shared with the Membership.

Furnace/Water Heater Pipes

There has been a question about the furnace pipes on the outsides of our units and why they are varying heights and lengths. These pipes were installed when the new furnace and water heaters went into our units. Code dictates lengths and heights based on a number of factors including: ensuring exhaust gases are not brought back into the unit, the path the venting pipes take to leave your unit, and better function of the furnace/water heater which will help extend their lifespan. Blocking, shortening, or moving these pipes on your own may cause serious consequences. Please leave these pipes as is and let the office know if they are blocked, broken or have any other issues.

Organics, Garbage, Recycling

We are still working out the issues of the new waste, organics and recycling program. There are some parking lots that have garbage bins that fill regularly. If a bin is overflowing please let us know, there seem to be some trouble areas that we are trying to correct and if there are additional areas we need to be informed. We are working with Waste Management to fine tune things.

Just a reminder that mixed recycling (paper, plastics, cans and bottles) is handled the same way we have for years. Leave your recycling on your stairs on your scheduled day for it to be picked up. Organics recycling goes in the small bins in the parking lots. General garbage goes in the larger bins in the parking lots.

General

In closing as we say goodbye to 2017, may this New Year bring you all a peace filled life, warmth, good health and togetherness in your family and much prosperity! Happy New Year!

Thank you,

Roberta Miller
General Manager



EDUCATION & INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE:

We are still looking for additional members for the **Education & Involvement Committee**. **If we don't get more members on this committee by the end of February we are going to have to relook at this committee and significantly streamline it.**



*****Volunteer of the Year Award*****

It is that time of the year when we pick our Volunteer of the year based on nominations received from you our members. Help us to recognize those special people who extend themselves and go the extra mile. Look for the Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form in this newsletter; completed forms can be submitted to the office.

ENTERTAINMENT & SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:



Happy New Year to everyone! Welcome to 2018 and SMHC's 50th Anniversary! Look for the coloured page later in this newsletter for more information on how we will be celebrating.

We are also busy finalizing plans for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all volunteers who were active in 2017. To all our volunteers – watch your mailboxes as invitations to this fantastic event will be coming out soon!

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Greetings to all Members of Sarcee Meadows. Here it is ... another New Year, 2018!! Let us all hope this year will bring success and happiness to us all and to the success of the committees and Management of Sarcee Meadows. The Environment committee recently held a January meeting. We want to encourage members to be 'Snow Angels' and help Green Dreams out whenever possible, especially helping members around their parked cars, or the cars of their neighbors. In other words – “don't throw your snow shovel away!!” Time also to remove your Christmas decorations, weather permitting, of course!! If you need it, ice melt is available at the Office. Just a REMINDER that January 31, 2018 is the date of the Annual General Meeting. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend. Start off your New Year's resolutions by joining a committee this year. The Environment Committee's next meeting is on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm. At B50. We sure would like to see you there.

ECO ALLEY – NEWS YOU CAN USE – REDUCE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, RECYCLE

Did You Know?

- Since the beginning of October 2017, when the City of Calgary's Green Cart Food and Yard Waste Program was fully engaged, there has been a 50 % reduction in the amount of waste that has been picked up in black carts. The Green Cart Program is proving to be a success. Imagine how much more of a reduction has occurred since Multifamily Dwellings came on board in November, 2017.
- By keeping Organics out of the landfill almost no Methane Gas is created. "Methane Gas is 25 times more potent a greenhouse gas than CO₂". So this is significant! PLUS, we get great COMPOST--which some people refer to as BROWN GOLD. This Brown Gold, or compost, is intended to be shared with Calgarians at some time in the spring or summer as a thank you for our excellent work. So, keep your eyes and ears peeled to the media in the months ahead for any further information on this subject.
- So, folks keep the Green compost Carts in Sarcee Meadows filled and DO NOT throw your kitchen waste and organics in the large trash bins. You will be doing Mother Earth a favor, as the large bins and their trash goes into the Landfills and the small green bins, with their compostable products, go to a Green Cart Composting Facility to be turned into Compost (BROWN GOLD). If we are able to obtain some of this Compost, just imagine the size of what our Gardens and Vegetables in Sarcee Meadows would look like!!



THINK SPRING EVERYONE!!!

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Happy New Year from the Newsletter Committee! We hope you all had a peaceful break over the holidays!

Our committee is busy working hard at finding new content, information, and ideas to keep readers reading – but we need your help to make 2018 the best yet! We are looking for new members to help grow this vital part of our community. We usually meet at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of every month at B50. Please email Janine if you are interested in trying something new, we would love to have you!



We are always looking for contributions newsletter, especially to the new “Your Page” section. Do you have anything special coming up? An Anniversary, Birth Announcement, or a Big Birthday you would like to share? How about new ideas, thoughts, stories, poems or articles you feel would benefit our community? We would love to hear them. Please email janine@sarceemeadows.coop.

Stay tuned for new contests and information about our big 50th Anniversary and more!

WOMEN’S CIRCLE:

The SMHC Women’s Circle – 2017 a Year in Review

We at SMHC are Stronger Together

Written by Kathy Aubichon on behalf of the Women’s Circle

CHF Canada has released their 2017 Year in Review and our SMHC group photo from the Women’s Circle Culture event this summer was right there front and centre. When you think of all of the Co-ops in Canada, it’s pretty impressive that Sarcee Meadows and the Women’s Circle have made history and received honourable mention in their review.



CHF Canada in 2017



It was indeed a year to remember. The SMHC Women’s Circle enjoyed much success and notoriety this year as a result of rolling up their sleeves and making it happen. I couldn’t be prouder to walk beside each of the ladies that put in the effort to make a difference not only in Sarcee Meadows but all across Canada and beyond.

We started the year by applying for the 2017 Co-operative Achievement Award. We had seen what a difference we were making in our community and wanted to share our model with other Housing Cooperatives. I had attended a SACHA Diversity Workshop and heard firsthand the struggles other coops were having. It was then we realized how advanced SMHC was when it comes to being not only very diverse but well on its way to being

more inclusive. An inclusive community promotes and sustains a sense of belonging; it values and practices respect for the talents, beliefs, backgrounds, and ways of living of its members. The Women's Circle had a wonderful time getting more involved this year learning about our various cultures by way of the Cultural Event in August. We also found a way to connect our youth with our seniors on National Seniors Day. It is so important to let everyone know that whether they are young or old or from another country, everyone is vital in making SMHC a welcoming place to call home.

In April CHF Canada announced that the SMHC Women's Circle had won the 2017 CHF Canada Co-operative Achievement. This is a very prestigious award that had only been given out twice before. What an honor it was to receive this award at the CHF Canada AGM in Niagara Falls. News about our award and the Women's Circle quickly started spreading. CHF Canada sent a film crew to SMHC and filmed the Women's Circle story. This video and our story were published in the United Kingdom, New Delhi, Belgium, Malaysia, Chicago, Ottawa, all across Canada via CHF Canada eNews, and in our Rutland Post. We even received a letter from the Honourable Ralph Goodale acknowledging the good work of the Women's Circle.

SMHC has so many different ethnic groups the Women's Circle figured it was high time we all got to know each other better and learn more about each other's cultures. We applied for the 2017 CHF Canada Diversity Grant and in May we received word that we received the grant. We went to work straight away and started sending out flyers to our SMHC members announcing that the Women's Circle was going to join forces with the Entertainment and Social Events committee to host a Cultural Event together with our Annual Summer BBQ. It didn't take long before members from the Ukraine, Mexico, Pakistan, England, Scotland, India, Hungary, Ireland, China, Somalia and Poland all came forward excited to set up a station showcasing their arts and crafts, food, clothing, and more. One SMHC member came up with the wonderful idea of having a History station and another suggested a Peace station. Both of these stations were so well received. The Entertainment and Social Events committee took charge of the Canada station and served up some really delicious food and treats. The Women's Circle station welcomed our guests, handed out cultural passports, served up delicious halal burgers and hotdogs and yummy cake. A lot of hard work and many helping hands went into planning this event but it was all worth it. The weather was perfect, the food was amazing, the Polish dancers were a great addition as was the henna station, but most importantly the number of members that came out to participate and enjoy the day surpassed our wildest expectations. We were so honored to have Mayor Naheed Nenshi take the time to participate in our event. He graciously answered questions from our members, took photos with many people, and then left us with a speech letting us know that what we are doing right here in SMHC is working. We are finding a way to be a welcoming, diverse and inclusive community. We have so much to be proud of here. Also in attendance at our Cultural Event were Councillor Brian Pincott, Barb Millsap and Jacky Durrie from CHF Canada, Brenda Davies and Linda Bouchard from SACHA, Leanne Ellis and Gayle Fields from Rutland Park, as well as members of Board of Directors from various Calgary Housing Co-ops.

City TV/Breakfast Television interviewed the Women's Circle in studio prior to our Cultural Event and CTV News were on site at the Cultural Event. With all of this media attention it just goes to show how special SMHC is.

In September the Women's Circle was contacted by the Office of the Premier inviting us to meet with the Alberta Minister of Education David Eggen. They had seen the CHF Canada video and thought we would add value to their project. We met with the Minister at McDougall Centre and spoke with him about an Anti-Racism initiative he and Premier Rachel Notley were working on. One of the Women's Circle's daughters joined us at the meeting representing our youth. What a wonderful learning opportunity it was for all of us.

In September the Women's Circle was invited to present on the topic of Diversity and Inclusion at the NACHA / SACHA 29TH Annual Goldeye Conference. What a great experience it was to share our learnings from our SMHC Women's Circle with members of housing co-ops throughout Alberta. We had laughs and tears and we even had a few people ask about how they could start a Women's Circle in their co-op.

October 1st was National Seniors Day. CHF Canada asked what we were doing to recognize that day. We decided to get the kids involved and kept them busy making special cards for our seniors. We then went door to door delivering a small gift to as many seniors as we could here in SMHC. The Women's Circle and their children

had the opportunity to meet many of our seniors and thank them for everything they have done and continue to do here at SMHC. Each of the kids that participated received a certificate thanking them for volunteering and helping to make this day special. We even received a \$50 gift card from CHF Canada for having the best entry in their National Seniors Day contest.

In October the Women's Circle were invited by Premier Rachel Notley to be her guest at a special reception for Art from the Unknown at McDougall Centre. She had heard about the Women's Circle and wanted to meet us and thank us for our meeting with Minister Eggen. It was such a pleasure to be able to speak with her about the Women's Circle and SMHC.

Also in October one of the Women's Circle's sons had the opportunity to meet the Honorable Kent Hehr and pin his poppy on for him. The kids are really excited about volunteering and helping out.

In November one of our Women's Circle members wrote a very informative and inspiring article for the Connections Newsletter about her family's personal journey with Epilepsy. It was a very brave thing to do and she hopes that in reading her story it will bring more awareness to the effect of epilepsy not just on the person being treated for it, but how as a family it is so important to work together to keep this illness under control. Our hope is that other SMHC members will also write an article on subjects that matter to them. An informed community works best together.

In November CHF Canada President Nicole Waldron was in Calgary for SACHA's Education Workshop and the Women's Circle was asked if we would be interested in hosting her for the evening. Nicole listened intently as each member of the Women's Circle shared with her how being a part of the circle and living in SMHC has impacted them and their families. This sentiment is shared amongst the Women's Circle members "At SMHC I found a place where I felt I belonged, appreciated and loved." "Every year we get more and more blessings." This is what keeps us wanting to make a difference and add value to our community.

In December one of our newest Women's Circle members taught five of the daughters of the Women's Circle how to make banana bread. What a wonderful time we had learning to bake. It was also great to connect our youth with a senior and for them to hear her stories. We look forward to doing more of these kinds of activities this year.

In December the Women's Circle reached out to some of our seniors delivering cookies and offering help. Anything from getting groceries, to shoveling walks and snow from vehicles, and just checking in to be sure their neighbors were keeping warm and safe. We also donated jackets and boots to Inn from the Cold and the Mustard Seed and warm food to the Alpha House.

The Women's Circle looks forward to doing what we can to continue to help build relationships and community into 2018. If you have any suggestions for us as to activities you would like to be a part of ie hosting a small tea party, teaching a small group how to bake, knit, garden, etc, or if you need a helping hand, please let us know and we will do our best to help organize it. We can be reached by email kaubicho@shaw.ca, by phone or text 403-629-0400, Kathy Aubichon.

Happy New Year to all of Sarcee Meadows members on behalf of the Women's Circle. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead celebrating Sarcee Meadows 50 Years of Incorporation. We are pretty blessed here at SMHC to have so many members excited to build community.

Written by Shabana Thabasum on behalf of the moms of the Women's Circle

Year 2017 was a very special year as we all were recognized as pioneers for building bridges in community. The Women's Circle is a platform where I felt free and comfortable to bring any change in our neighborhood, which I wouldn't have done it alone. Especially for our kids the Women's Circle has been an inspiration, where they are experiencing inclusiveness and acceptance. Our kids are learning though we all look different, we come with different values and cultures, we all are the same. On Seniors Day my son was so content at the end of the day after distributing gifts to all the seniors in our community. He told me that he is feeling good for doing it. My daughter Saniyah always remembers Marla Harding whenever she bakes her recipes. So much to share, I don't have enough words.



YOUR PAGE

Welcome to "Your Page", a place for you to share with your neighbours and your community. This page can include your Personal Milestones such as Births, Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, and Personal Accomplishments. It is also a great way to send out Thank You Messages, notes of praise on a job well done, announcements or any other tidbits that you'd like to share! Submissions can be emailed to janine@sarceemeadows.coop or dropped off at the office to the attention of the Newsletter Committee.

Several issues ago we began a series of stories from Carol Davis providing some of the early history of Sarcee Meadows. These are on a hiatus at the moment while Carol enjoys a lengthy RV vacation, but she did give us permission to share this short story about her adventures.

New Year's Eve on a Mexican Beach

The computer says it is January 4th and I guess that is correct since a new Chapter in my adventure starts tomorrow, January 5th. Hard to believe that our three weeks here at Rincon de Guayabitos are done.

I left you last time with New Year's Eve approaching. It was very memorable. We went to Dave and Joann's lot for the evening. They have an oceanfront lot. I have never much been into New Year's Eve and was concerned about falling asleep before the big event!! (Ha ha!) Instead I spent four hours glued to my front row seat for the Beach activities. People came by the hundreds / thousands? The beach was full of people of all ages. Many were sending the paper luminaire lanterns afloat. The sky was full of the bright lanterns all evening. Then there were the fireworks of every description being set off everywhere. How people do not get hurt I will never know. At midnight there was a spectacular display from a barge out in the Bay. To top it all off the moon was full and the surf was white hitting the sandy beach. It truly was a spectacular sight which I am grateful I did not miss. Very noisy. Surprisingly the party quieted down after midnight and so sleeping after one AM was possible. The next morning there was not even much mess left on the Beach.

We have been out to eat a couple times and had some great meals here at camp thanks to Ren and Julie. The weather stays consistent. About 20 degrees overnight, about 29 degrees during the day. Usually a gentle breeze blowing. The Beach remains a great people watching place and the swimming pool is a good place to cool off.

There is not much movement in the RV sites. A big motorhome came in the other day and only removed the mirror off one other rig while getting parked. Believe me I am not surprised as there is very little clearance. Ed maneuvered his trailer out this morning and parked in an empty stall near me so we can get away early tomorrow before the streets outside fill up with Vendors. Google maps say it is a five hour drive to Tres Amigos Park near Mazatlan. I think it will take seven but we will have time to go a bit slower on a better road than we came down on. We are booked there for a month. It will be very different from here as it is much more rural so will likely be quieter. Maybe more challenging for shopping but maybe not.

Rumour has it that it is quite a bit cooler up there than here. From the weather map it looks like highs of 25, lows of 14. I think I can deal with that.

Will send this to you with the good Wi-Fi here – you never know what lies ahead.

Life is good.

Carol Davis, K626

Currently adventuring in Mexico



"I'm looking for a woman with a Mercedes, must be able to play chess and cribbage." Phone 403-370-7641



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

"LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE THE OPINION OF THE AUTHOR[S] AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE OPINIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' OR THE MEMBERS' OF SARCEE MEADOWS HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE LTD."

To: The person or persons who DUMPED 20 (or more) boxes in the garbage bin in "D" parking lot.

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF! What a strong example of thoughtlessness and inconsideration! Sarcee Meadows has a wonderful DOOR-TO-DOOR recycling program – WAKE UP and USE IT!

I was able to remove 8 of these boxes, take them home, flatten them and put them out with my own recycling. THAT'S THE WAY IT'S DONE AROUND HERE. Within some of the boxes, I also found paper and plastic bags – also recyclable.

Our garbage bins are intended for TRUE garbage – that which cannot be composted or recycled. Sarcee Meadows could even be charged for dumping cardboard and for bins that are overflowing because of the space taken up by these boxes!

DO YOUR PART AND BECOME A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER.

From: an Angry Eco-Friendly Member



Disclaimer: Any ads placed in this newsletter are not to be considered as an endorsement by Sarcee Meadows Housing Co-operative Ltd. but are for information only.

Classifieds

Moving Sale!

Dining Table, Microwave, Portable Air Conditioner, Office Desk, Lawn Trimmer, TV Stand, Single Bed with Box & Frame, and Radio

Call 403-861-1841

For Sale

Recumbent Ball Bike with Arm exerciser. Perfect for people with back or hip problems – \$300.00. Next to new. Original price \$500.00.

Please call Chris – 403-242-5038

Day Home Openings!

I offer a fun and safe environment for your child to play, learn and grow in.

Small ratio for lots of one-on-one attention. Healthy lunch/snacks included as well as daily outdoor time.

First Aid/CPR certified, police check and excellent references.

Please contact Kristine (Unit F435) @ # (403)686-8884 for more information.

Window Cleaning:

Exclusive Window Cleaning offer for Sarcee Meadows Members!

Exterior window cleaning – all main level windows – just \$15.00

Contact: Bill Davidson, Unit D251, 403-875-4096



Healing Intentions:

Psychic/Medium

Card Readings

Book a party

Call Shelly: 403-660-2045

Energy/Crystal healings

Other Services available



Knitted Dish Cloths For Sale:

Assorted colours and patterns. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Call Tricia: 403-242-0048



House Cleaning:



I have over 15 years' experience and I'm available for all your cleaning needs; organizing your home or helping with small tasks on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis. \$25.00 per hour includes all products needed for cleaning.

Contact: Monika 403-920-0920 or email: cleanandshine28@gmail.com

Straightline Painting:

Residential painter, competitive prices, 30 years' experience. Used by SMHC

Call Peter: 403-998-5179



Lawn Mowers wanted:



Do you want to get rid of your old lawn mower? Fred Sheppard is looking for used lawn mowers to repair and sell.

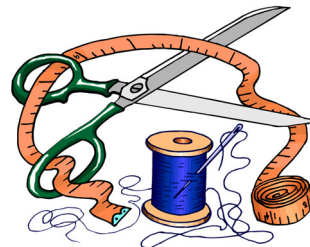
Please call Fred at 403-686-4302.

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- Need Alterations?
- Italian Leather Products
- Baby Boots

Contact Marzena - 403-397-3779

www.momentsfashion.com





**RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS
NOMINATION FORM**

Do you know someone, an adult, teen or child, who has done a "Random Act of Kindness" for you or someone else? If so, please take the time to acknowledge them and what they have done. Complete this form and submit it to the office to the attention of the Education and Involvement Committee.

At the end of the year a "Random Act of Kindness" winner will be chosen from the entries that are received throughout the year. The winner will be acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting in January.

Let's recognize those special people who extended themselves and make our lives better by simply being kind!



NAME OF THE NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S UNIT #: _____

ACT OF KINDNESS: _____

YOUR NAME AND UNIT #: _____

[Use extra paper if required]

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION FORM

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are individuals who reach out beyond the confines of their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to Sarcee Meadows in the belief that their activity is beneficial to others as well as satisfying to themselves.

The Education & Involvement Committee is seeking nominations for the:

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR.

The process asks that the selection be made from within our volunteer structure only. There are fifteen standing committees – with approximately 150 volunteers. The volunteer of the year will be found from that group!

Let's recognize those special people who extend themselves beyond willingness, beyond their "committees" job description, step out and go the extra mile, foot or inch!

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTORS TELL US WHO THEY ARE!!

Everyone is invited to complete an application and nominate someone from our committee structure as the *Volunteer of the Year*.

Complete the form on the back of this page and submit it to the office in care of the Education and Involvement committee.

Deadline for nominations is: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2018



NOMINATION FORM

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S COMMITTEE: _____

DESCRIPTION OF WHY YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS PERSON:

SUBMITTED BY: _____

COMMITTEE CONTACTS: 2017 – 2018:

C.S.I. (Co-op Seniors Interests)

Chair: Lucille Ranchuk
Board Liaison: John Preston

Education and Involvement

Chair: Judy Silzer
Board Liaison: Kathy Aubichon

Elections

Chair: Marie Forester

Entertainment and Social Events

Chair: Sandy Christensen
Board Liaison: Jenn Jenkinson

Environment

Chair: Russ Chandler
Board Liaison: Isabel Ciok

Finance

Chair: Duri Lee
Board Liaison: Tony Yee / Heather Millar

Grievance & Resolution

Chair: Georgia Gardiner

Honours and Awards

Chair: Audrey Templeton
Board Liaison: Kathy Aubichon

Membership

Chair: Daryl Sedor
Board Liaison: Kelly Edwards

Newsletter

Chair: Slawa Gruszczynska
Board Liaison: Jenn Jenkinson

Parking

Chair:
Board Liaison: Randy Senft

Personnel

Chair: Pat Fenlon
Board Liaison: Kelly Edwards

Property Maintenance

Chair: Helen Serrurier
Board Liaison: John Preston

Property Enhancement

Chair: Marianne Pederson
Board Liaison: Jenn Jenkinson

Security Task Force

Chair:
Board Liaison:

After Hours Emergency Maintenance:

In the event of an emergency maintenance situation after hours please call the Emergency Maintenance Cell Phone at:

403-813-2783

Committees can be contacted by calling the office at 403-246-2746 Ext. 102 or emailing janine@sarceemeadows.coop



2018 Recycling Schedule

RECYCLING PICKUP DATES: Recycling will be done **EVERY WEEK**, by sections, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday unless there is a holiday. Any dates in bold are changed from the regular day.

A11 to C176	Tuesday	January 2, 9, 16, 23 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4, 12, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18
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C181 to E358	Wednesday	January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 27, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19
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E361 to H556	Thursday	January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 27
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H561 to L745	Friday	January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 2, 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 21, 28
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Pick-up April 2 instead of March 30



CALENDAR:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17 Personnel @ 7:00	18 New Member Education Workshop @ 7:00	19	20
21	22 Finance @ 7:00	23	24 Board Meeting @ 6:45	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Annual General Meeting @ 7:00 @ Grace Lutheran	February 1	2	3
4	5 Newsletter @ 7:00	6	7 Property Maintenance @ 7:00	8 Entertainment @ 7:00	9	10
11	12	13 Parking @ 7:00 Membership @ 7:00	14 Property Enhancement @ 7:00	15	16	17
18	19 Finance @ 7:00	20	21 Personnel @ 7:00	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Board Meeting @ 6:45			



August 23, 1968 – August 23, 2018



The SMHC Entertainment & Social Events Committee is currently very busy investigating numerous ideas on how we can make 2018 a full year of celebration to mark Sarcee Meadows Housing Cooperative Ltd.'s 50th Anniversary of Incorporation! It is our hope that we can find ways to make each of our yearly events throughout 2018 bigger and better than ever! While everything is still in the early planning stages at the moment, the events we are planning so far are as follows:

- Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st, 2018 – maybe we'll have a visit from the Easter Bunny?!
- Lawn Sale in June
- Stampede Breakfast on July 15th, 2018 – we are researching some entertainment options such as a trick roper / steer rider or maybe a drum circle!
- Summer BBQ Family Event in August – this will be the major Anniversary celebration event! We are looking for any additional entertainment ideas to go with this. Maybe we can include a Senior's Tea, to be served by some youth volunteers? Perhaps this could include a "beer garden" or transition into our Adult Social in the evening?
- Halloween Event on October 31st, 2018 – maybe B50 will become a super creepy haunted house passing out some extra special treats!

Do you have any fantastic ideas to enhance any of these events? Do you have ideas on any new events we could hold? We are always open to new ideas and would love to discuss them with you! Please feel free to drop by and visit one of our meetings, or even join the committee, if you have any ideas to share! We usually meet on the first or second Thursday of the month – contact Janine at the office for more info.

We are always looking for general event volunteers, and we will need them this year more than ever! We also happily encourage youth volunteers for all events except the Adult Social! Please contact Janine at the office if anyone in your household are willing to lend a hand at any of these events.

Let's work together to make our 50th year our most fun year ever!